

Amended

36. (New) The method of Claim 31, wherein the second barrier layer is deposited on the first barrier layer.

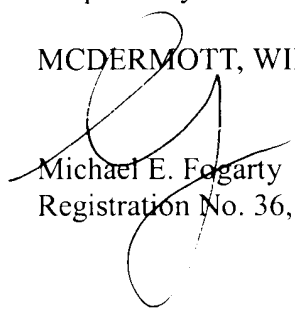
REMARKS

In the instant preliminary amendment, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-18 and submitted new claims 19-36 for consideration. New claims 19-36 are intended to more specifically claim the subject matter of the present invention. No new matter has been added.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417.

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